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1. 5 Standard Districts;

2. 13 Standard Sub-state Regions; and,

3. 6 Standard Sub-units within the District of Metropolitan Boston.

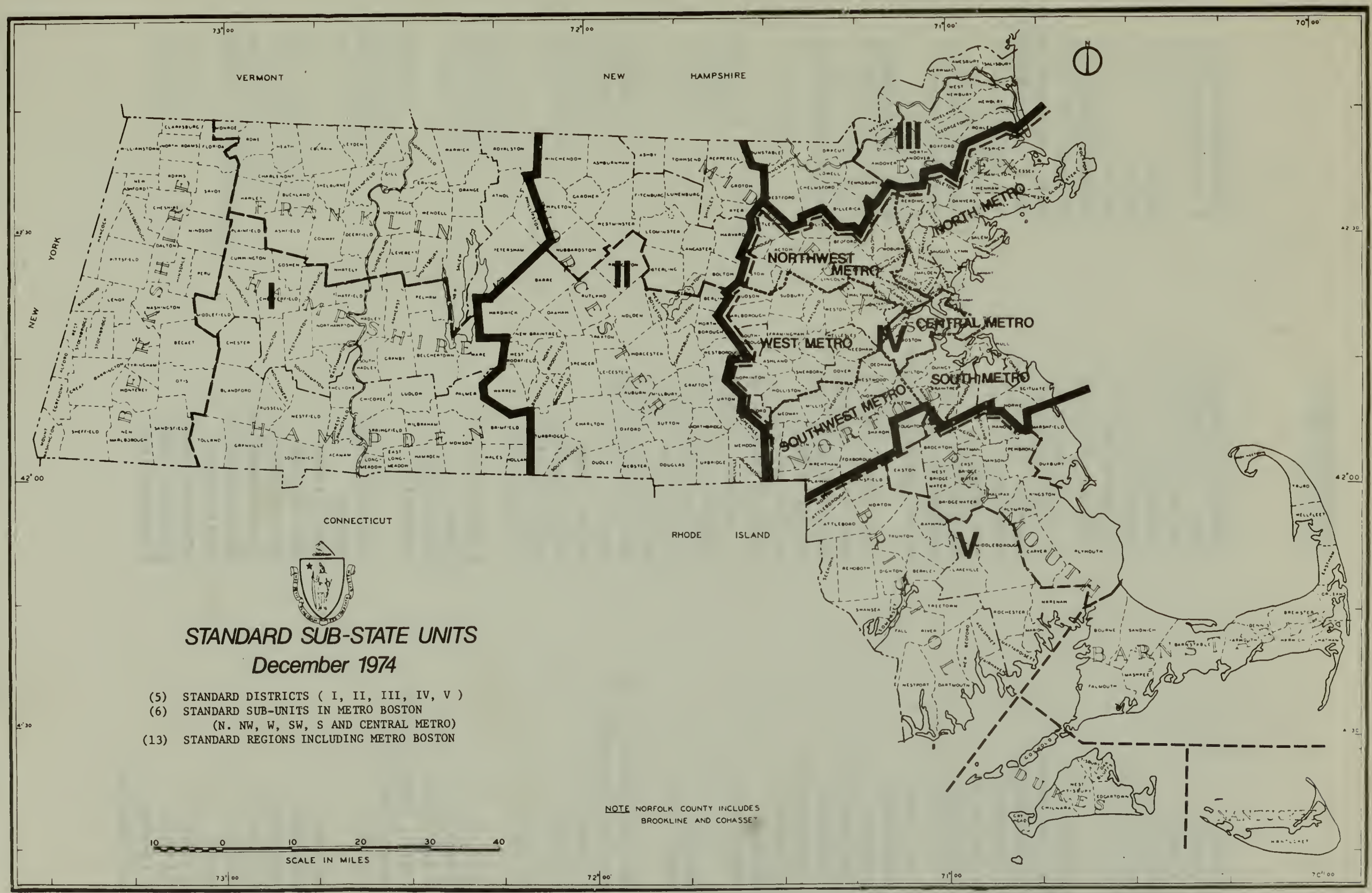
Each Secretary is responsible for developing and implementing a plan of action for any agency of his/her Executive Office which has or proposes to have, a field organization. This plan will indicate the adjustments and time period necessary to conform to the standard pattern of sub-divisions herein directed. The Secretary of Administration, or his designee, will be responsible for the coordination of this effort. To this end each Secretary shall file within 60 days of this Bulletin the plan for his/her Executive Office.

The Secretary of Administration will prepare and file with the Governor and General Court a status report on standard sub-divisions within the Commonwealth by December 31st of every odd-numbered year.

The set of Standard Districts, Sub-state Regions and Standard Sub-units shown on the attached map are for state administrative purposes only. No changes are hereby made in the statutory boundaries of the several regional planning agencies. This Bulletin supersedes Administrative Bulletin No. 65 (as amended).

James T. Hilliard

James T. Hilliard
Acting Secretary



STANDARD SUB-STATE UNITS

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(5) STANDARD DISTRICTS (I, II, III, IV, V)
(6) STANDARD SUB-UNITS IN METRO BOSTON
(N. NW, W, SW, S AND CENTRAL METRO)
(13) STANDARD REGIONS INCLUDING METRO BOSTON

DISTRICT I

Adams
Agawam
Alford
Amherst
Ashfield
Athol

Becket
Belchertown
Bernardston
Blandford
Brimfield
Buckland

Charlemont
Cheshire
Chester
Chesterfield
Chicopee
Clarksburg
Colrain
Conway
Cummington

Dalton
Deerfield

Easthampton
East Longmeadow
Egremont
Erving

Florida

Gill
Granby
Granville
Great Barrington
Greenfield
Goshen

Hadley
Hampden
Hancock
Hatfield
Hawley
Heath
Hinsdale
Holland
Holyoke
Huntington

Lanesborough
Lee
Lenox
Leverett
Leyden
Longmeadow
Ludlow

Middlefield
Monroe
Monson
Montague
Monterey
Montgomery
Mount Washington

New Ashford
New Marlborough
New Salem
North Adams
Northampton
Northfield

Orange
Otis

Palmer
Pelham
Peru
Petersham
Phillipston
Pittsfield
Plainfield

Richmond
Rowe
Royalston
Russell

Sandisfield
Savoy
Sheffield
Shelburne
Shutesbury
South Hadley
Southampton
Southwick
Springfield
Stockbridge
Sunderland

Tolland
Tyringham

Wales
Ware
Warwick
Washington
Wendell
West Springfield
West Stockbridge
Westfield
Westhampton
Westminster
Whatley
Wilbraham
Williamsburg
Williamstown
Windsor
Worthington

DISTRICT II

Ashburnham
Ashby
Auburn
Ayer

Barre
Berlin
Blackstone
Bolton
Boylston
Brookfield

Charlton
Clinton

Douglas
Dudley

East Brookfield

Fitchburg

Gardner
Grafton
Groton

Hardwick
Harvard
Holden
Hopedale
Hubbardston

Lancaster
Leicester
Leominster
Lunenburg

Mendon
Milford
Millbury
Millville

New Braintree
Northborough
Northbridge
North Brookfield

Oakham
Oxford

Paxton
Pepperell
Princeton

Rutland

Shirley
Shrewsbury
Southbridge
Spencer
Sterling
Sturbridge
Sutton

Templeton
Townsend

Upton
Uxbridge

Warren
Webster
Westborough
West Boylston
Westminster
West Brookfield
Winchendon
Worcester

DISTRICT III

Amesbury
Andover

Billerica
Boxford

Chelmsford

Dracut
Dunstable

Georgetown
Groveland

Haverhill

Lawrence
Lowell

Merrimac
Methuen

Newbury
Newburyport
North Andover

Rowley

Salisbury

Tewksbury
Tyngsborough

Westford
West Newbury

DISTRICT IV

Acton
Arlington
Ashland

Bedford
Bellingham
Belmont
Beverly
Boston
Boxborough
Braintree
Brookline
Burlington

Cambridge
Canton
Carlisle
Chelsea
Cohassett
Concord

Danvers
Dedham
Dover

Essex
Everett

Foxborough
Framingham
Franklin

Gloucester

Hamilton
Hingham
Holbrook
Holliston
Hopkinton
Hudson
Hull

Ipswich

Lexington
Lincoln
Littleton
Lynn
Lynnfield

Malden
Manchester
Marblehead
Marlborough
Maynard
Medfield
Medford
Medway
Melrose
Middleton
Millis
Milton

Nahant
Natick
Needham
Newton
Norfolk
North Reading
Norwood

Peabody
Plainville

Quincy

Randolph
Reading
Revere
Rockport

Salem
Saugus
Scituate
Sharon
Sherborn
Somerville
Southborough
Stoneham
Stow
Sudbury
Swampscott

Topsfield

Wakefield
Walpole
Waltham
Watertown

Wayland
Wellesley
Wenham
Weston
Westwood
Weymouth
Wilmington
Winchester
Winthrop
Woburn
Wrentham

DISTRICT V

Abington
Acushnet
Attleboro
Avon

Barnstable
Berkley
Bourne
Brewster
Bridgewater
Brockton

Carver
Chatham
Chilmark

Dartmouth
Dennis
Dighton
Duxbury

East Bridgewater
Eastham
Easton
Edgartown

Fairhaven
Fall River
Falmouth
Freetown

Gay Head
Gosnold

Halifax
Hanover
Harwich
Hanson

Kingston

Lakeville

Mansfield
Marshfield
Marion
Mashpee
Mattapoisett
Middleborough

Nantucket
New Bedford
North Attleborough
Norton

Oak Bluffs
Orleans

Pembroke
Plymouth
Plympton
Provincetown

Raynham
Rehoboth
Rochester
Rockland

Sandwich
Seekonk
Somerset
Stoughton
Swansea

Taunton
Tisbury
Truro

Wareham
Wellfleet
West Bridgewater
Westport
West Tisbury
Whitman

Yarmouth

SUB-UNITS IN DISTRICT IV

NORTH METRO

Beverly
Chelsea
Danvers
Essex
Everett
Gloucester
Hamilton
Ipswich
Lynn
Lynnfield
Malden
Manchester
Marblehead
Medford
Melrose
Middleton
Nahant
North Reading
Peabody
Reading
Revere
Rockport
Salem
Saugus
Stoneham
Swampscott
Topsfield
Wakefield
Wenham
Winthrop

NORTHWEST METRO

Acton
Arlington
Bedford
Belmont
Boxborough
Burlington
Cambridge
Carlisle
Concord
Lexington
Lincoln
Littleton
Maynard
Somerville
Stow
Wilmington
Winchester
Woburn

WEST METRO

Ashland

Dover
Framingham
Holliston
Hopkinton
Hudson
Marlborough
Natick
Needham
Newton
Sherborn
Southborough
Sudbury
Waltham
Watertown
Wayland
Wellesley
Weston

SOUTHWEST METRO

Bellingham
Canton
Dedham
Foxborough
Franklin
Medfield
Medway
Millis
Norfolk
Norwood
Plainville
Sharon
Walpole
Westwood
Wrentham

SOUTH METRO

Braintree
Cohassett
Hingham
Holbrook
Hull
Milton
Norwell
Quincy
Randolph
Scituate
Weymouth

CENTRAL METRO

Boston
Brookline